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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 12.

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11. (once amended) A method for manufacturing a bearing element comprising the steps of:

forming a plurality of layers from a combination of a first material and a second material, wherein a first of said layers formed from a plurality of materials comprising at least one of Teflon fibers, glass fibers, carbon fibers, and combinations thereof, and wherein a second of said layers formed from a single material;

forming the bearing element from the plurality of layers; and

impregnating the bearing element with a polyimide resin comprising Teflon.